

MADE HIS HOME A FORTRESS.

Tenant Had Neat Way of Shutting Out Undesirable Visitors.

"Alterations to suit tenant" was a part of the sign in a Philadelphia building, telling that a lot over the store was to let. One day lately a prospective tenant applied and expressed himself as pleased with the location and quarters, as well as the terms. As to alterations he had only one thing to suggest, namely, that the stair steps be fixed to the top floor with a pair of stout hinges, and cords be attached so that they might be raised and lowered, in a way best illustrated perhaps by the attachment of a fire escape. Anxious to get a tenant and seeing no particular objection to this arrangement, the landlord complied. His tenant, a quiet man, was wont to go to his quarters early in the forenoon and at once draw the steps up to the ceiling. A few only of his many visitors, those, in fact, who gave a peculiar whistle, were accommodated by the lowering of the steps. The others were ignored. The landlord, fearful lest some unlawful transactions might be going on in his building, called upon the tenant for an explanation. "Oh," was the reply, "my friends have the whistle. The other fellows are creditors. The hinges are still working."

ICELANDERS ARE LONG LIFE.

Average Age There Double Mean Duration of Human Life.

It would be interesting to know if any part of the world beats Iceland in the average length of life of its inhabitants. It is shown in the census of 1905 that on an average the people of that island live to the age of 61.8 years, which is very nearly double the mean duration of human life as it was computed a generation ago. Sweden and Norway are regarded as very healthy countries, but Iceland takes the palm in longevity, the mean duration of life in Sweden being 50.2 years and in Norway 49.94 years. Some of Iceland's earthquakes are nerve-racking, but on the whole the lives of most of its simple and industrious inhabitants slip along with few incidents that unduly stimulate or depress the pulse. Summer and winter the same old mail boat from Leth steams into the harbor of Reykjavik every three weeks, but very rarely brings news that touches Iceland so closely as to make excitement. In fact the little island enjoys many of the advantages of civilization and avoids most of its drawbacks. Christian Advocate.

A Hard Task.

A Chicago man tells of a resident of that city who had been unsuccessful in one venture after another. At last, however, he made a large sum of money by means of an invention in car wheels; and very soon thereafter his family, consisting of his wife and two young daughters, were to be seen taking their daily outing in a motor car. One day the three were being driven rapidly through the park, while a look of painful self-consciousness overspread the features of the inventor's wife, as she sat bolt upright, looking straight before her. "Now, ma," came the cheerful tones from one of the daughters, whose keen face was alive with enjoyment, "now, ma, can't you jolt back and not look as if the water was boiling over?" Youth's Companion.

World's Oldest Republics.

So far as practical considerations go Switzerland is the oldest of surviving republics. Two public treaties, however, long antedate the Helvetic confederation and in strict accuracy one of these two must be the oldest republic of all now in existence. One of them is the republic of San Marino in Italy, on Mount Titano, the oldest state in Europe and one of the smallest in the world. The other is the republic of Andorra in the Pyrenees, made independent by Charlemagne. No fixed date can be assigned to either of these, both are mediaeval relics, and San Marino may be identified even before the middle ages began.

Woes of the Druggist.

"If you want to meet the limit of nerve," remarked a druggist, "you must keep a drug store. Most people seem to think the place is for public accommodation, without the necessity of any real patronage on their part. We have had a good many nerve requests, but one the other day capped the climax. It was raining hard and a woman we didn't know, who lived three blocks away, telephoned us to send her two two-cent postage stamps."

Why Letters Are Unwritten.

Why not keep up writing-deck supplies just as conscientiously as those for the pantry? asks a writer. Few households would get along a week without sugar, salt or soap, yet how many letters are unanswered for the lack of a good pen, a stamp or an envelope? It is not the expense, but lack of thought, that keeps an insufficient or meager supply of the necessary articles on hand.

Dignity of Ownership.

"I saw a sign in a restaurant down at Gellion the other day," said a Cleveland man, "that struck me as an effective means of upholding the dignity of the establishment. The proprietor of the restaurant is a big man, weighing about 200 pounds, and put up like a prize box. His sign says: 'If You Want to Know Who Runs This Place Just Start Something.'—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

REMEDIES FOR ALL DISEASES.

But No Particular Cure-All for Every Malady.

Every disease has its remedy, and in the search for that remedy hundreds of cures of medicine have sprung up. One man pins his faith in minute doses of powerful drugs; another walks barefoot over wet grass; another eats raw fruit and grain; one is confident that mud baths induce health, and still another urges us to chew each mouthful of food at least 30 times before swallowing. No doubt, every one of these "cures" is of benefit to some form of disease. The mistake of followers of the treatment is in thinking their particular remedy a cure-all for every malady. There are no universal remedies. Indeed, every type of disease must receive special attention and be treated after the fashion long experience and study have taught the medical profession is best adapted to the case. Certain illnesses respond quickly to drugs, the virtues of which are sometimes wonderfully effective. Others need nothing but fresh air; still others a change of climate, and a variety of diseases need no drugs and no journeys to the mountains, but are best relieved by simple dieting.—Leglie's Weekly.

RIGHT AND LEFT HANDEDNESS.

Matter of Physical Structure, According to an Authority.

George M. Gould, of Philadelphia, says that mentally preceded and created structure. It has been shown that the mechanisms that give the man external validity, speech and writing, are one-sided. This one-sided orientation is progressive through-out life. Right-handedness is partially a matter of right-sightedness. In 97 per cent. of children the right eye is the better-seeing eye. If one is right-handed the centers for writing and speech must be on the left side and the visual centers on the same side. Pathology follows any attempt to interfere with right or left-handedness. Those persons who demand right-handedness of the left-handed child make him morbid and maladroit. The author gives several very interesting cases of the lifelong crippling of the faculties and mechanism of writing resulting from attempts to make a left-handed person learn to use the wrong side of his brain for writing.—Medical Record.

The Modern Woman.

It was in a Lenox avenue subway train, and a very tired and cross youngster of four, who had evidently spent the day shopping with his mother, was keeping the car in a turmoil by a little pastime of his own. He sprawled all over his mother's lap, at the same time keeping up a whimpering cry, "Mamma, mamma, mamma." This went on until an elderly man sitting next suddenly turned to the child with: "Have you a father?" The youngster, startled out of his imagination, stopped crying and nodded his head. "Yes," "Well, for Heaven's sake, call him and give your mother a rest." The boy sat up like a ramrod and never let out another whimper.—N. Y. Sun.

Smuggling Popular.

Smuggling is still a fairly flourishing industry in England. According to the annual report, recently issued, of the commissioners of customs for the year ending last March, the number of detected attempts to smuggle dutiable goods during the past year was the largest recorded since 1895. The quantities of tobacco, cigars and spirits seized were less than in the preceding year, but there was a considerable increase in the number of seizures and of persons fined. Says Home Chat: "No fewer than 2,171 persons were fined for smuggling, and the penalties recovered amounted to \$21,000. The tobacco and cigars seized amounted to 11,222 pounds and the foreign spirits to 82 gallons."

Whalebone Worth Millions.

A century ago, when whalebone was worth no more than ten cents a pound, few vessels brought any home. From 1844 to the outbreak of the civil war the output averaged about 2,800,000 pounds annually, the greatest for any year being 5,692,300 pounds in 1863, and the price increased to one dollar a pound. Since 1880 there has been a steady decrease in the output. The total amount of whalebone landed in America in the course of the nineteenth century exceeded 90,000,000 pounds, worth at the present market valuation about \$450,000,000, a sum that would make the possessor one of the richest men in the world, if not the richest of all.

Taking No Chances.

Johnson (to wife): "Well, Maria, I'm going to stay at home with you today and help you to tidy up the house. I'll tack down the carpets and hang up the pictures to begin with." Mrs. Johnson (to the children): "Children, you may go over to grandma's and stay all day. (Aside.) I know my husband is a deacon of the church, but for all that he's just as apt to hit his thumb with a hammer as any other man." Tit-Bits.

Mamma Hunting Titles.

"I admit that I love you, Clarence," said the young heiress, "but I'll have to speak to mamma." "Eh?" said Clarence. "You mean I'll have to speak to her." "No, I will. She'll be home from Europe to-morrow, where she's been for the last three months and she may have engaged me to some nobleman while she was there."

MOROCCANS USE LOVE CHARMS.

Queer Means Employed by Women to Gain Affection.

Mrs. Mansel-Pleydell writes of the curious charms used by the women of Morocco: "Moorish women resort much to charms to gain lovers or to keep their affections when gained. There is one charm which is seldom known to fail. It consists of shredding a small piece of an undergarment which the man has worn and, after certain incantations have been said over it, of rolling the particles into the shape of a small ball. This is embedded in a larger ball of clay and, after being slightly dampened, is kept in a pot over the embers of live charcoal. I have been assured that as soon as the heat penetrates the clay the man, whoever he may be, will lay aside whatever work he is doing at the time and fly to the arms of the woman who invokes the charms. As long as the ball is kept warm so long will the heat of love burn in the heart of the lover for that woman. Another spell much resorted to is cast by cutting off the tips of a donkey's ears, cooking them and mixing them in the man's food. He then becomes as foolish as a donkey with love for the charmer who has provided his unsavory repast."

ON THE GROUND OF ECONOMY.

Acceptance of Physician's Offer Was Lesser of Two Evils.

A Chicago medical tells of two physicians in a Wisconsin town; the one elderly, with a long record of cures, the other young, with his record still to make. The older doctor, it appears, was inclined to surrender some of his best work to the younger man. One bitter night in winter the veteran was aroused by two farmers from a hamlet eight miles away, the wife of one of whom was seriously ill. The doctor at once referred them to his young colleague, but they refused the latter's services. "Very well," replied the doctor, thinking to put a convincing argument before them. "In that case my fee is ten dollars, payable now." Whereupon there ensued a remonstrance on the part of the farmers, but the doctor was obdurate. Finally one of the men asked the other: "Well, what do you think I ought to do?" "I think you'd better pay him the ten dollars," said the other. "The funeral would cost you more."—Harper's Weekly.

Untouched Morocco.

Open your atlas at the map of Africa, and there, set like a pearl on the northwest shoulder of the continent, you will see a country called Morocco. It almost touches Europe; at the narrowest part there is but nine miles of strait between it and Spain, so you might think the Moors had become quite civilized in the course of ages through having such cultivated neighbors so near. It is not so, however. And, strange to say, the more they see of western progress, the more they despise it. It is a big country, this Morocco, and explorers have left it alone for the natives' taste. Christians, fearing lest they want to take away from them their lovely land, where it is always summer, and where the soil, if just scratched with a crooked stick, responds with a teaming harvest.

A Real Luther Coin.

The collection of coins of a St. Petersburg scholar, says the Berliner Tageblatt, was recently overhauled and a unique Luther coin was discovered. It came originally from Novgorod, where it was found in an old house which was being reconstructed. On one side is the head of Luther, which is also shown when the coin is reversed, and with a fool's cap upon his head. On the reverse side there is a likeness of the pope, which also appears when the coin is reversed, but the head is ornamented on the reverse side with devil horns. The Latin inscription explains that Luther, becomes a fool and the pope a devil by reversing the piece. It is believed that there is no similar coin in existence.

Where the Sheg Sleighed.

"If they don't quit making that child cry," sighed the fat dweller as his sofa creaked pitifully through the court, "I am going to apply to the board of health and have it stopped. There's a limit to everything." "What the board of health?" asked his friend. "I should think you would apply to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children." "I am not thinking so much of him," acknowledged the fat dweller contently, "as I am of my own health. His constant sobbing is getting on my nerves so that I can't sleep."

Cautious Answer.

The caution of the Aberdonian in giving an answer to a direct question was well illustrated the other day, when one was asked: "Was not your father's death very sudden?" Slowly drawing one hand from his pocket and pulling down his beard, the interrogated one cautiously replied: "Aye, it was unexpected for him. I never heard of his father being in a hurry before."—Stray Stories.

No Matter About Him.

Mr. Lendout: "Yes, sir, that horse is a beauty. You'll have to hold him in. Our terms are pay in advance when you hire." Mr. Stroutmont: "How are you 'raid-haw? I shall come back without him—haw!—haw! sir. But he might come back without you!"—Stray Stories.

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Martins' Revange.

A correspondent tells the story of two house martins' nests built against an attic window of a farm, to which the birds came for several successive years. Last spring, however, before they arrived, a sparrow took up her abode in one of the nests. Shortly after the martins returned as usual, and one day the farm people noticed that the hole of the nest which the sparrows occupied had been blocked up. Next morning a boy climbed up to ascertain the meaning of this, and not finding any outlet, broke away part of the nest, to find the poor little sparrow dead on her eggs.

The house martins had waited her up for daring to take possession of their house.—Country Life.

The 20-minute sermon is a purely modern invention, as is proved by the number of pulpit hour glasses that are still to be found in many old churches. In the register of St. Catherine's, Abingdon, the following entry, dated 1564, occurs: "Paid for an hour glass that hung by the pulpit, where the preacher doth make a sermon, that he may know how the hour passeth away one shilling." A modern pulpit glass—probably the only one of its kind—is to be found in the Chapel Royal, Savoy. It is an 18-minute glass, and was placed in the chapel on its restoration in 1867.—Dundee Advertiser.

Helpful.

"Say, Boss," began the beggar, "give me de price of a square meal, won't yer? I don't want booze. PH-go right into dis restaurant."

Wholesale Nobility.

The noble families of Prussian Poland have become so numerous as almost to swamp the common people of the province. The priest of the village of Konitz replied to a circular issued by the government that every one of the 46 families in his congregation was of noble birth.

Clothes of the Man.

Clothes don't make the man, but in some longitudes they make a pretty effective disguise.

If You Are Sick

It is because some of the organs of the body are not doing their work well. There is a lack of that nervous energy that gives them motion. Consequently you are weak, worn-out, nervous, irritable, cannot sleep; have headache, indigestion, etc. because there is not sufficient nerve force to keep the organs active and allow them to perform their natural functions. Dr. Miles' Nerve restores health because it restores this nervous energy. "I have been sick for a year, and did not know what was the matter with me. I tried many remedies and none of them proved of any value. I heard of Dr. Miles' Nerve, and procured a bottle, and before I had taken half of it I was better. I would have been nervous prostration if I had not got this medicine when I did. I continued to take it until I was entirely well. I have since recommended it to five of my lady friends, and they are all thankful to me for doing so, for they will benefit if it fails, but I will refund your money." Miles Medical Co., Elkhart, Ind.

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Popular Pulp

HYMNS YOU OUGHT TO KNOW

Walking with God,
O Master, let me walk with thee
In lowly paths of service free;
Tell me thy secret; help me bear
The strain of toil, the fret of care.

Help me the slow of heart to move
By some clear-winning word of love;
Teach me the wayward feet to stay,
And guide them in the homeward way.

Teach me thy patience! still with thee
In closer, dearer company.
In work that keeps faith sweet and true,
In trust that triumphs over wrong.

In hope that sends a shining ray,
Far down the future's broadening way;
In peace that only thou canst give,
With thee, O Master, let me live.

made him a truly a traitor as though
he had succeeded. What goes before
doing is more important for the doer
than what comes after.

There is more virtue in some men's
wanting to do than in others' doing.
No act is ever greater, or smaller, than
the motive behind it. The two mites
thrown into the treasury by the poor
widow were more highly praised than
larger gifts thrown in by others.

Jesus saw so much in them because he
saw so much behind them. The divine
judgment of action is not based on
results attained, but on principles ap-
plied. Let the principles applied in a

humble work have such a strong hold
on the soul that it would apply them
in a greater way than an opportunity
for it, and in heaven's sight it will be
as though they were applied there. The
books of time only give men credit for
what they do. The books of eternity
give them credit for what they would
do. God not only sees what kind of

fruit the tree bears, but also the kind
of soil in which it grows and the kind
of fruit it would bear if the soil were
better.

Common things are made to serve a
religious purpose by bringing to the
use of them a religious motive. A re-
ligious motive brought to the use of
other common things will make them
serve a religious purpose also. Every-
thing with which the hand of man has
to do, the divine hand had to do with
first. He made the raw material, man
makes the finished product. The true
view to take of every legitimate work
is that it is an opportunity to help
complete the work of creation. The
right motive put into what we do will
give it something of the same look be-
longing to what He has done. The
great end of life is moral, and every
necessary work has a bearing on that
end.

There is vastly more for men in the
stage of toil than health or wealth or
enjoyment. And the how in the cloud
tells how to get it.

DON'TS FOR CHURCHMEN
Don't go into details in confessing
your sins. The Lord knows more about
them than you can remember.

Don't shout "Amen," unless you are
willing to back it up with what you
are and have. The Lord prefers an
approval that means something.

Don't try to attract the attention of
men in the discharge of your religious
duties. Such conduct only makes men
smile and the devil laugh aloud.

Don't for a moment imagine that you
are greater in the sight of the Lord be-
cause of your wealth, unless you use
your money in relieving the distress of
your fellow men.

Don't provide in your will for a
stained glass window for your church.
It is not a thing that you can afford to
do. It will be placed there by your fellow
members, if they can afford it.

Don't give ostentatiously to the
poor and overlook the needy in your
own city. The heathen may not have
heard of Christ, but your neighbors
have, and may want a practical demon-
stration of the religion he taught.

Don't rob widows and orphans and
then try to square yourself with God
by giving ten per cent of your plunder
to the church. Such money is
"hallowed" in God's sight and will not
avail you anything.

Don'ts for Churchmen.
Don't bring business and politics into
religion; rather, put religion into them.

Don't miss the good things in a ser-
mon. They may not fit the other fol-
low half so well.

Don't plan what you will do on Mon-
day when the minister is asking God to
bless you.

Don't presume to direct your pastor in
the discharge of his duties unless
you want to create factions in the
church.

Don't forget that your conduct in
your business and social life, reflects
the amount of Christianity that you
really possess.

Don't subscribe to church funds a
dollar more than you can afford, think-
ing that if you fail to pay someone else
will make up the deficit.

Don't try to monopolize the pastor.
He belongs to the church as a whole,
though you may pay a larger part of
his salary than the others.

Short Meter Sermons.
Sanity is a good sign of a saint.
Real heroes never need to hire her-
selves.

The closer you get to men the nearer
you come to God.
One secret of sin's hold on us is our
hold-on secret sins.

Love is the first word and the last in
the lexicon of religion.
The man who preaches for a salary
never gets anything else.

Lightness never comes from
feeding on the truth of life.
It takes more than smooth words to
smooth out life's rough places.

You hold a boy from power when you
protect him from pain and hardship.
When you brand a vice as harmless
you have augmented its power to hurt.

The places where we have helped
others are our milestones on the way
to heaven.

HERM GARDEN



there is necessarily great waste. If
I could get plenty of labor at the nick
of time, and had storage facilities, I
could not much more per acre."

Returns from Cottonwood Trees.
At a recent meeting of the South-
western Horticultural Society of Iowa,
a gentleman of good reputation made
an interesting statement with refer-
ence to the profits of timber culture on
the Western prairies. Twenty years
ago he planted a row of cottonwood
slips four feet apart and half a mile
long along the highway fronting his
farm. The trees grew tall and thrifty,
and as they attained large size drew
upon his farm field adjoining for a
width of three rods, occupying thus
about three acres of land. Last fall
and winter all but one hundred of the
trees were cut and from them were
made 22,000 feet of serviceable lum-
ber, board measure, and 250 cords of
wood. The lumber sold for \$15 per
thousand, and the wood was worth
\$2.25 per cord, or a cash value for the
lumber grown on these three acres of
\$1,042.50, and \$347.50 per acre, making
an annual income of \$1,390 per acre for
each of the twenty years. It should be
stated in this connection that these
trees grew upon the loose soil of the
Missouri slope, a soil where the cotton-
wood tree finds its most perfect de-
velopment, and we do not believe the
above record could be duplicated upon the
average prairie soils of the West.

Poultry Experiments.
The Maine station house for laying
hens is fully described in a bulletin
issued by the experiment station at
Orono, and the advantage of the house
20 feet wide over the narrow ones are
shown by experience to be economy in
construction, ease of management and
greater comfort of the birds.

Following a description of the port-
able brooder-houses is a discussion of
their use in winter, when they would
otherwise have been unoccupied. Two
hundred and seventy-pullets were put
into sixteen of these houses and kept
there from November to March, inclu-
sive. They were in good health during
the winter, laid freely, but not as well
as their mates in the large houses. The
food they ate cost \$175, and they laid
1,057 dozen eggs, which sold for \$248,
leaving \$173 to pay for taking care
of them, which was done in connection
with other work, and did not consume
a great deal of time.

The desirability of keeping the yards
on the north, rather than the south
side of the open-front houses, and the
inadequacy of the growth of plants in
ordinary yards as a source of green
summer food, are shown.

The dangers from the too free use of
succulent food in winter, and the great
value of good clover hay as part of the
daily food throughout the year, are
urged as matters of consequence.

Experiences with four different meth-
ods of feeding young chicks are given,
and the station ration for laying hens
is described.

An experiment, in which whole corn
is compared with cracked corn in the
ration for laying hens, is reported. A
thousand hens were employed in the
test, which so far has extended from
November to May, and the data shows
conclusively that there are no advan-
tages to be gained by cracking the corn.

Apple Scab.
An ever present and very generally
neglected pest of the orchard is the
fungus disease, apple scab, or "black
spot," as it is sometimes called. The
disease, says a Maine bulletin, has been
so frequently described as to be per-
fectly familiar. Spraying is effective
in securing a crop of fruit relatively
free from this disease, even in those
seasons when the scab is most preva-
lent.

For several years the conditions have
been such that the fruit has been rel-
atively free from scab, and as a re-
sult many growers who took up the
practice of spraying some years ago
have gradually ceased to spray. It
should be said, however, that this neg-
lect is wholly comparable to the neg-
lect which permits the lapse of a fire
insurance policy. It might be neces-
sary to spray to secure a crop of fruit
one year, or even two or three
years in succession; but when the un-
favorable season does come, if spray-
ing has been neglected, there is fre-
quently a needless loss of several hun-
dred barrels of fruit in orchards of
average size.

The fact has been clearly demon-
strated, that in a bad season there was
a difference of 50 per cent in the amount
of perfect fruit upon sprayed and un-
sprayed trees, the best results being
obtained from the use of Bordeaux mix-
ture. In other words, trees not spray-
ed gave on three successive years 1,
000 and 852 per cent of the fruit free
from scab, while the same years an
equal number of trees sprayed with
copper sulphate, gave 383,
301, and 723 per cent, respectively.

The third year Bordeaux mixture
was used and gave still better results
—70.9 per cent of the fruit being free
from scab.

From these and similar results ob-
tained all over the country it is evi-
dent that spraying has ceased to be an
experiment as a means of controlling
certain orchard diseases. The results
above cited have been repeatedly con-
firmed both at this station and else-
where. Reference is made to the sub-
ject at this time only to emphasize the
importance of using precautionary
measures. Even though there be no
crop of fruit, the increased vigor of
the trees as a result of clean, healthy
collage, will far more than repay the
cost of spraying. This spraying with
Bordeaux mixture should be done first
before the buds burst, and again im-
mediately after the blossoms fall, if
but two treatments are to be given. If
the season is very wet, however, at
least four treatments at intervals of
two or three weeks are found to be ad-
vantageous.

MAKING BUSINESS OF BENEVOLENCE.

By John D. Rockefeller.

It takes a practical mind to make
a fortune. Men have often said in
my hearing, "Oh, how I wish I were
rich! If I had money I should do this
great work or that." Now, those men
will never be rich. They haven't got
the purpose and practical bent, of
mind for it. They think of the fruits
of victory without the struggle. It
is necessary to fix the mind pretty
firmly upon the making of money be-
fore it is possible to plan its spending.
I remember clearly when the financial
plan—if I may call it so—of my life
was formed. I was in Ohio, under the
instruction of a dear old minister
who preached, "Get money; get it hon-
estly, and then give it wisely." I wrote
that down in a little book. "I have
the little book yet, with that writing in
it. I have tried ever since to 'get
money honestly and to give it wisely.'"

There is a great deal of folly shown in the dis-
tribution of benevolence. If substance is a trust, then it
is very serious business, this matter of dispensing it. One
can't simply get rid of it and have a free conscience.
A responsibility attaches to the distribution. I have an
idea on that point, to this effect: Let us have benevo-
lent trusts—corporations to manage the business of be-
nevolence.

SMALL TOWN IDEAL PLACE TO LIVE.

By Milton Starr.

Some people in happy circumstances are un-
happy. Many who are better off in their small
town would like to live in a large one. Big-
ness does not mean happiness. It does not
insure content, which anywhere is essential to
happiness. The town of 3,000 almost any-
where in the agricultural regions of this coun-
try is more favorable as a place of residence
than is the average town of 50,000 or larger.
It is cleaner and healthier. It has a better class of peo-
ple. The average of intelligence and of character is
higher. If the small town is without saloons it has that
distinct advantage over others, large and small, which
have, and the larger towns, usually have the saloon and
the evils which conglomerate about it. The small town
has no considerable vicious element, whereas that ele-
ment rules many of the larger towns. The air of the
small town is clear and pure, that of the big town some-
times is loaded with smoke and soot and burdened with
the bad odors of dirty streets. The small town has as
good schools, as good churches, as good teachers, and as
good preachers, and recognition in the home and society
does not depend so much upon money. There is less
snobbery and dissipation. There is a juster recog-
nition of personal worth. At the same time the con-
veniences and luxuries of life are to be enjoyed, and liv-
ing is cheaper.

The word that is to be spoken to the people of the
small town is the word of appeal to make the best of
natural advantage. If they are to go into manufactures,
economy dictates what they must be. If abundant raw
materials exist and if there is practically unlimited local

demand for the product, it is a clear case. If there is
great local demand, while transportation cuts small fig-
ure in the cost of the product, it may pay. Those things
settle themselves when men of means are weaned of
speculation abroad and are satisfied with modest returns
of money invested at home.

PLEASURE IMPOSES YOKE OF IRON.
By Rev. Dr. Newell Dwight Hillis.

Consider that all schemes of living
based on pleasure, sensual delights or
worldliness impose on men a yoke of
iron. If the biography of ap-
ostates tells us anything, if the study
of experience throws any light on the
path of life, then the way of worldly
pleasure is a thorny way, a steep
path, and pleasure's yoke is a yoke
of iron. Strangely enough, if many
people were to serve Christ with half
the zeal and self-sacrifice that they serve vanity, frivolity
and sensual delights, they would exhibit zeal that would
give them a place in the book of martyrs.

The time has come when some speak of the big, splen-
did virtues of a former generation as old-fashioned vir-
tues. Well, the old-fashioned virtues in a mother's gar-
den are the sweetest, flowers that ever grew. We never
will outgrow the virtues of our fathers, that were rooted
in faith, matured on courage, illustrated in a struggle for
liberty, and compacted in the laws and institutions of
the land. These poor, silly, restless folk that want to
cast off the yoke and faith of their fathers choose yokes
of iron. They want an easy yoke. But when it is too
late, they find the yoke is iron, and that the shoulders
are worn raw, that the feet are cut, and the heart is
broken, and that hope is dead.

GHOSTS DOMINATE THE WORLD.
By Rev. Dr. Frank Crane.

In Ibsen's play, "Ghosts," Mrs. Alving
claims, upon discovering the evil bent of her
son, and realizing that it is hereditary, that
her own so-called principles are but
ghosts. Ghosts, she cries, lie in wait for
the souls of the living, and she sees them between
the lines of the newspaper, dead passions, dead con-
victions. Ibsen was more than a morbid breaker of con-
ventions. He was a master and knew life. He perceived
the truth, that men's minds are controlled not by reason
so much as by the boggy miasms of vanished reasons;
not by living, intelligent convictions so much as by the
crystallized power of dead convictions; not by voluntary
will, but by automatic institutions.

We are born into a nag-ridden world. We find all the
prices of life mortgaged by our fathers' fears. We are
bidden to conform or die. To revolt wildly at all of this
is, folly; for the ghosts are too strong for us, and we
fight as they who beat the air, only to make ourselves
ridiculous. But the way to freedom is to find the earth
and sell it not, to cling to it, to follow it unswervingly,
better, to find love and follow that strong Son of God,
who is truth's self. Following Him we come ever into
wider chambers, and last to freedom.

AN EXTINCT ANIMAL.
The Saber-Toothed Tiger Was a
Formidable Creature.
The most remarkable of all the ex-
tinct animals are those known
to naturalists as the saber-toothed cat
or tigers, a group comprising
greater part of all the fossil forms.
They date back to the earliest times
of which we know anything about
the family in North America and reach
down to the time of man himself. A
large and powerful species described
from the Indian Territory by Cope
lived contemporaneously with the hairy
mammoth, as evidenced by the com-
ingling of their skeletons. There can
be little of a question but that the
hairy mammoth was contemporaneous
with man in North America as well
as in Europe. Its geological range is
from the close of theocene to the lat-
ter part of the pleistocene.

The chief peculiarity of the animal
is the extraordinary elongated canine
teeth. The tail is of unusual length
and the legs are short. The animal
measures about seven feet in length
aside from the tail. The lower jaws
have a downward projection in front,
due to a dangerous wielding of the
jawsbones, which doubtless served as a
protection to the teeth, preventing their
injury or loss. In some of the larger
forms from South America this feature
was even more elongated than in
the case with this species, attaining
a length of over six inches and pre-
tending far below the jaws when
closed.

Two Treasures.
A poet had a wife and the wife had
little to eat. After several weeks of
failure to get money wherewith to pur-
chase food she ran away with a cab
driver who owned his outfit and acted
as though he owned the city.

"The blow will kill him," cried peo-
ple. "She has ruined his career."
It didn't kill him for he turned his
sorrow into a sonnet that he sold for
\$5, and reviewers said that the font
of inspiration had at last been opened to
him.

A man's wife deserted him, and the
neighbors were more interested than
he was.
"Poor fellow," they said, "it will drive
him to drink."

"It will," for he was one who never lost
an opportunity, and his wife was a
strict teetotaler.—New York Sun.

Bailed Forever.
The gray-haired man, tall and digni-
fied, stood on the deck of the outward-
bound steamer, trying vainly to control
the tears that coursed down his worn
and haggard cheeks. "Alas," he sighed
as the ship moved slowly from the dock,
"I shall never see this my old home
again!"

"What was your sin," asked the sym-
pathetic passenger, "that it is punished
by external exile?"
"Sir," answered the tearful man, "I
was a judge at the baby show."—
Florida Times Union.

Much that passes for patience is sim-
ply laziness.
No idle person recognizes the rights
of busy people.

Better Yet.
"I suppose you had the six best sell-
ers with you at the cannery?"
"No," but I had the six best sellers
of the greater part of the time."—Houston
Post.

IN THE WASTE-BASKET.
The recent death of Miss Julia Bry-
ant, the daughter of William Cullen
Bryant, has called forth a number of
reminiscences of the poet and his fam-
ily. Although always kindly, Bryant
was not a man of winning personality.
He was too dignified. But at home
he could unbend; with his children and
their intimate friends he could occa-
sionally even romp. With strange con-
trasts the poet, perhaps being a little
shy of them, became even more than
usually dignified, with the result of re-
ducing them to solemn and hopeless
good behavior.

"I always in my infantile mind,"
confessed a lady who knew him slight-
ly in her childhood, "imagined him
vaguely with the Old Testament, and
reverted him accordingly. Such a beard
and such a brow were his as I knew
only in Biblical illustrations depicting
Methuselah, and Jeremiah. It would
have shocked me, I am sure, to see
him laugh."

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FRIDAY, THURSDAY, DEC. 12.

HomeCircleDepartment

Crude thoughts as they fall from the Editorial Pen—Pleasant Evening Reveries.

A column dedicated to Tired Mothers as they join the Home Circle at Evening Tide.

Talk With Young Men.

"There is always room enough up higher," said Webster, and so there is. It's better to be a first-class cobbler than a third-class lawyer. There is more pleasure and satisfaction in it and more money. It is not the "good trade" that makes men rich, but the good understanding of the trade. Some would be poor all their lives and yet work at the best trade known to man; they don't understand it, and they never will. They toil on, hoping for success, when the work is in direct antagonism with their whole being.

We do not believe in giving up the ship until we know it must go down; but, if we find, after commencing a work that we are wholly unfitted for it, we had better try some other. All men were not born with the power to perform the same work. And yet, it is not necessary that we spend a lifetime in a fruitless endeavor to find our place. If we know ourselves we shall know our mission; if we do not, poor success is inevitably ours. We care not how much a man may study, and experiment, if mechanism is not in his head it cannot come out. You cannot grow pumpkins on squash vines.

Young men, study yourselves, choose your work, and if it satisfies you move on. Bid defiance to all obstacles. Don't surrender to phantoms—they will ever challenge you; fight it out on some line. "If it takes all summer." Our boats are headed up the river, and just so sure as we drop the oars so sure we will float down. Keep rowing.

This is becoming a wonderful world. Everything is done by steam pressure. When the great Atlantic cable was being lowered it was on all tongues as the greatest project the world had ever known, and he who was the possessor of an inch piece of the twisted wire was rich in relics. Now we have almost forgotten there is such a thing. The air ship is the center of attraction, but in a few years that too will move into the shadow of some mightier scheme.

The most foolish thing in the world is said to be "to boy to the rich till you are unable to stand erect in the presence of an honest man."

Spelling Schools.

We should like to see the old-fashioned spelling schools once more in vogue in every school district. Good spellers, now-a-days, are so rare that they are indeed exceptional. They are not abundant among collegiates, more's the pity, and in the intermediate grades of students they are but here and there seen. In nine-tenths of the letters received by any establishment having letter communication with a large number of people, errors in orthography are remarkably frequent.

This is a sad comment on our study of the primaries. It calls for some new educational effort, some system that shall awaken new interest in the particular branch alluded to. The best we know of is the old one whose revival we now advocate. Not that it teaches all in connection with orthography which the young ought to know, but that it adds a peculiar zest to the study. With the many helps which the scholars of today possess over those of a generation ago, they should be far ahead in this branch as in all others. That they are not is due to the comparatively dry manner in which orthography is taught at the present time in all sections of our country.

A dictionary is not, on the whole, a very fascinating work for continual perusal; no more is a speller and definer of smaller dimensions. A spelling school, of a winter evening, with the excitement of "choosing sides," and a final measurement of syllables in "spelling down," or even an hour devoted to the same, of an occasional afternoon, when recitations flag and a lively impetus is wanted, will tell to capital advantage. Try it, you teachers in the rural districts, and having proved our words true, turn to your fellow teachers in the town districts, who believe that to perpetuate such an ancient custom would savor of old-fogyism, and say to them with the emphasis of your experience,—"Go thou and do likewise."

If you would know a man's true character, see him in his family.

The luckiest man is he who makes his luck by careful forethought.

Have You Enemies?

Go straight on and don't mind them. If they get in your way walk round them. If they are of their spide, A man who has no enemies is seldom

good for anything; he is made of that kind of material which is so easily worked that every man has a hand in it. A sterling character is one who thinks for himself, and speaks what he thinks; he is always sure to have enemies. They are as necessary to him as fresh air; they keep him alive and active. A celebrated character who was surrounded by enemies used to remark: "They are sparks which, if you do not blow, will go out of themselves." "Live down prejudice," was the Iron Duke's motto. Let this be your feeling while endeavoring to live down the scandal of those who are bitter against you. If you stop to dispute, you do but as they desire, and open the way for more abuse. Let the poor fellows talk—your duty, and hundreds who were once alienated from you will flock to you and acknowledge their error.

Timid People.

It is the habit of some people to laugh at the terror which is experienced by others at the heavy thunder crash or the flashing lightning. This is both cruel and wicked, since the victim is no more to blame for it than for the color of his eyes and hair—in fact, like them, it is often hereditary. Such persons should be pitied and soothed, and allowed, during these periods to be always near some one whom they love and confide in. More especially is this true of children, some of whom suffer more than words can tell from this as well as other causes of fear. Deal gently with such; it is the only way to eradicate their fears; ridicule and harshness will only confirm them. The child "afraid of the dark" should never be enforced to encounter it unattended and unwatched. Idiotcy has often been the sad result of contrary treatment. Let both parents and teachers, then, be thoughtful in these regards.

The true manner of judging the worth of amusements is to try them by the effect on the nerves and spirits the day after. True amusement ought to be, as the word indicates, recreation—something that refreshes, turns us out anew, rests the body and the mind by change, and gives cheerfulness and alacrity to our return to duty.

No career, however noble or exalted it may seem in itself, will truly bless him who follows it, unless he carries into it the spirit of truth, justice and love. Then, all business is sacred, and all life is religion.

Appendicitis

Is due in a large measure to abuse of the bowels, by employing drastic purgatives. To avoid all danger, use only Dr. King's New Life Pills, the safe, gentle cleansers and invigorators. Guaranteed for headache, biliousness, malaria and jaundice. At A. M. Lewis's drug store. 25c.

Our December Forecast.

Welcome to you old December, with your snappy, breezy days, when we're trying to make a dollar go a thousand different ways. When the hunter goes a gunning and the frisky rabbits skate to nooks and corners in the woods to stay the hand of fate. When Brother Turkey, fat and sleek, and all the poultry stock can be plainly seen to shudder every time they see the block.

The mud grows deeper every day. The skater's quit and moved away. The corn is husked and in the crib. The horse fly's quit Old Dobbin's ribs. The well-fed porker in his yard. Well knows he'd soon be pure leaf lard.

The turkey who outlives today. Will cash his check on Christmas day. The fair young maid with tender eyes. Will soon begin on Christmas ties. While he who gets her loving dose. Needs ten times worse, a bar of soap. The youth who's victim of her mesh. Will save up all his surplus cash, And after wondering what to get. Will blow it on a toilet set.

The small boy longs for Christmas as the baby does for Castoria. The found parent who expects to buy daughter dear a set of furs, will now be content to give her a new belt buckle and a nut meg grater. Whiskers on oysters will need a shave and "Twain's" at all what I expected" will be the pass-word. The fond husband will begin to wear all his old neckties and secretly wonder what disposition he can make of those Christmas cigars.

"Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house," will be resurrected from Little orphan Annie's scrap book and given its annual outing by the youthful prodigy, amid the plaudits of enthusiastic relatives.

The football cranks with iron clad jaws. Are jangling out their rah, rah, rah. While up and down the campus flats, They try to break each other's slats.

The sewing club will soon convene around the buzzing sewing machine; the fancy quilt will get its dues, while all the members tell the news. Arguments, both pro and con, about the ladies putting on a fancy holiday bazaar, will stir em up and raise a war—and four or five who heretofore have done nine-tenths or even more or all the work will stay away and let the others have full way.

The pond will soon be frozen o'er, And kids will venture out. To see the air-bubbles in the ice, Play shilly, laugh and shout.

The biggest slay in the bunch. Will capture some sweet thing, And after putting on her skates. Will cut a pigeon's wing.

The farmer girl has quit climbing the old apple tree and now waits for Reuben in the dimly lighted parlor. An old hair-cloth sofa will be the center of attraction as the fickle-hearted twain tell each other in dove talk that he's "hern" and she's "whis" utterly oblivious of the coming jar our country will receive when Taft steps off the boat and hits our own dear terra firma. Fairbanks, the Indiana ice-berg, will appear before the senate and thereby elude his cock tail critics. Uncle Joe will elect himself speaker and the stogie eruption will daze the newly elected "rooral roosters."

Oh, it's now I want to get away from the place where money holds full sway; away from toil and all its cares; away from the morbid crowd's wild stares. Back to the farm-house I would go; where there's things to eat and not to show; where you live and die in a natural way and life's worth living every day; where every night you rest your head upon a downy feather bed and in the morn when Mother wakes, you tickle your slats with buckwheat cakes.

The hunter bold, who we are told, Desires to kill a bunny, Now has a chance to rid his pants—Of all his surplus money.

He buys a pair of hammerless And some smokeless corduroys, And with some gin, for "medicine," Goes gunning with the boys.

Brier Rabbit goes a skootin' by—The sportsman lets her flicker, And when the smoke has cleared away He hears the rabbit snicker.

One fellow thinks a man's a deer And shoots him in the slats, While seven of the others Get bullets thru their hats.

One gunner plugs a jersey cow, Another hits a mule; Two others have an argument And end it with a duel.

Another one looked down a gun Just as the thing exploded. The epitaph reads on his tomb: "He didn't know 'twas loaded." And when the hunters homeward turn From their successful outing, They go and buy a bunch of game To keep their friends from doubting.

A Significant Prayer.

"May the Lord help you make Bucklen's Arnica. Salve known to all," writes J. G. Jenkins, of Chapel Hill, N. C. It quickly took the pain out of felon for me and cured it in a wonderfully short time." Best on earth for sores, burns and wounds. 25c. at A. M. Lewis's drug store.

Additional Local Matter

Miss Laura London spent last Sunday with her mother and friends in Maple Forest.

LOST—A gent's silk neck scarf, Black with blue figures, and blue bars in the back. Finder will please leave it at this office or with Mrs. Wm. Schreiber.

FOR SALE—Cheap for cash, house with ten acres on the south side, all in good condition with some river frontage. Also several good improved farms at your own price. Enquire at this office.

Our county game warden, R. S. Babbitt, who is also Deputy State game warden, is piling up honors, or was during the open season for deer. He arrested a Mr. Busby, foreman of Holmes and Michelson Lumber Co. on Thunder Bay river, Nov. 15, and A. M. Rouse, State Trespass Agent and another man on Little Black river the 20th, all running dogs. All were convicted and fined.

Preparations are being made by the state tax commission for making the next assessment of the railroad properties. They are now assessed at a little over \$200,000,000 and it is unlikely, in view of the small amount of railroad construction during the year, that this assessment will be increased, although it does not come up to the values fixed by Profs. Cooly and Adams, who appraised them several years. On account of the large state tax levy it is likely that there will be no reduction in the rate of taxation. This means that there will be no reduction in primary school money.

Lovell's Locals.

Supervisor W. S. Chalker was in town Wednesday.

Dr. Underhill was doing business at Saginaw and Reese Wednesday. Dr. has the contract to fence the 800 acre sheep ranch near Crapo Lake.

C. V. Ferson slipped and sprained his back quite badly. He has been sitting in an easy chair for two or three days.

T. E. Douglass has enlarged his saleroom, business is expanding and it keeps Ed guessing to make room enough for his goods.

N. D. Dickenson, wife and children have moved on the C. F. Dickenson ranch.

Miss Lottie Owen was in town Wednesday.

M. C. Lux has bought more land at dam 2.

J. C. McGraw of Detroit has shipped a full carload of Xmas trees from our city.

Last Wednesday Coyle's special wrecked the hand car on C. Harrison's section; no one hurt.

Dr. Pettis of West Branch came up to take Mr. Garalt's daughter to his hospital for treatment.

Allen Dyer was here Saturday.

Farmers' Institute

The Farmer's Institute of this county held here last Friday and Saturday was the finest and best ever held here. The attendance averaged 57 for the six sessions and the exhibits of farm produce, grain, fruit and vegetables, was pronounced by the speakers to be as fine as could be produced in the southern part of the state. The association voted to send the exhibit to Saginaw so as to have it exhibited at the State Grange this week, then to ship it to the Agricultural College and exhibit it at the State Round-up Institute to be held there the latter part of February.

Jason Woodman of Paw Paw, Peter Gilbert of Sterling, R. D. Bally of Gaylord and Mrs. E. J. Creyis of Lansing were the state speakers and they were simply fine. The high school came forward and assisted with singing and recitations which were highly appreciated.

At the business meeting held Saturday forenoon the following officers were elected: President S. B. Brothwellington; Secretary-treasurer Hugo Schreiber Jr.; Pere Cheney; delegate to state round-up S. B. Brothwellington; South Branch: Henry Finck; Beaver Creek: Chas. Silsby; Grayling: Fred Hoessli; Maple Forest: Geo. F. Owen; Frederic: W. Batter-

The amount of premiums paid amounted to about \$18.50. Good for Crawford County. Who says so? Everybody.

Prizes for best exhibits at the Institute were awarded as follows:

Clover seed—Hans Christianson 1st, Alfred Vallad 2nd, S. B. Brothwellington 3rd.

Wheat—Mary Vallad 1st, S. B. Brothwellington 2nd, Fred Hoessli 3rd.

Oats—S. B. Brothwellington 1st, H. Schreiber Sr. 2nd, Hans Christianson 3rd.

Flint corn—John Shively 1st, Hans Christianson 2nd, Fred Hoessli 3rd.

Dent corn—Chas. Silsby 1st and 2nd, H. Finck 3rd.

Carrots—Perry Ostrander 1st, Fred Hoessli 2nd.

Apples—H. Schreiber Jr. 1st, E. Ostrander 2nd, H. Finck 3rd.

Pears—H. Finck 1st, H. Schreiber Jr. 2nd.

Butter—Perry Ostrander 1st, Fred Hoessli 2nd.

Potatoes—H. Christianson 1st, E. Hoessli 2nd, H. Finck 3rd.

Consumption Cure.

Warner's White Wine of Tar Syrup the best cough remedy on earth, cures a cold in one day. If taken in time, For sale at Central drug store.

M. E. Church.

Regular preaching services 10:30 a. m.

Sabbath school 11:45 a. m.

Epworth League, 6:00 p. m.

Evening service 7:00 p. m.

Prayer meeting Thursday evening 7:00 p. m.

Bible Study Class Monday evening 7:30 p. m.

You are cordially invited to all of these services.

E. G. JOHNSON—Pastor.

\$100.00 Reward

for the arrest and conviction of anyone cutting green timber on any of our lands in Crawford County. Report the same to Charles L. DeWaste, Prosecuting Attorney, of Rosemont, Michigan. Settlers are welcome to any down wood or dead timber for fuel.

Michigan Central Park Co., 115 Dearborn St., Chicago, Ill. dec-5-3m

Notice for Publication.

(Timber Land, Act June 3, 1878.) UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE, Marquette, Mich., Nov. 23, 1907.

Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An Act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892, David Rancourt, of Pine Lake, county of Kalamazoo, State of Michigan, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 1869, for the purchase of the NE 1/4 of SW 1/4 of Section No. 34, in Township No. 26 North, Range 5 West, and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for the timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before Clerk of the Circuit Court at Kalamazoo, Mich., on Tuesday the 4th day of February, 1908. He names as witnesses: Ernest F. Bidd; Frank Thayer; Donald A. Morison; and Alphonse Rancourt, all of Sharon, Mich.

Any and all persons claiming adversely the above described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 4th day of February, 1908.

JAMES J. DONOVAN, Register.

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Fifty cents will be added to above prices January 1, 1908.

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"Very gratifying!" said the young and conceited novelist. "A gentleman writes me that he took a copy of my last work to read during a railway journey, and as a result suddenly discovered he had gone 30 miles beyond his destination." "Dear me," commented the young author's friend, "sleeping on trains is a bad habit!"—Stray Stories.

All Ready

Already...

Look at your calendar and you will find that in three weeks we will all once more be celebrating the glad time of the whole year. This Ad is to tell you that we are all ready, already. We've done our buying, received our goods, and now we've nothing to do but hand them over to you. No need to tell you how complete our showing is, if you will take a few minutes to look. We have something interesting for you.

Notice—For every \$1.00 purchase made at our store from Dec. 15, to 9 p. m. Dec. 24, we are going to give a ticket entitling the purchaser to one chance on that beautiful \$10.00 doll which is displayed in the window.

At 9 o'clock on the evening of Dec. 24, a committee will be appointed to conduct the drawing contest; the 49th ticket drawn out of the hat wins the prize.

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We have just received a new shipment of hats in both stiff and soft shapes. Try one of our new brands \$2 to \$3.

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A complete reorganization of the producing department of The Mutual Life Insurance Company, of New York, in this state, affords a chance for a few good men; eight vacancies on the agency force remain open for men of character and ability; you can find out by writing whether it will be worth while for you to make a change no previous experience is necessary.

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Crawford Avalanche.

GRAYLING, THURSDAY, DEC. 12

Local and Neighboring News.

Take Notice.

The date following your address on this paper shows to what time your subscription is paid. Our terms are one dollar per year in advance. If your time is up, please renew promptly. A X following your name means we want our money.

All advertisements, communications, correspondences, etc., must reach us by Tuesday noon, and can not be considered later.

Subscribers take Notice

On and after the first day of January, 1908, the subscription price of the **AVANCE** will be \$1.50 per year payable in advance. The price of paper is higher than ever before known, and the cost of all material used in the printing business has advanced to such an extent that this action is an imperative necessity if the paper is to be kept even self sustaining, to say nothing of my profit. All subscriptions received before January 1st, whether new or renewals will be at \$1.00 per year.

A new advertising schedule will also be made for the coming year.

Every subscriber to the **AVANCE** is requested to look at the date on his paper this week, and to read the notice above.

For fire insurance see R. W. Brink. Be in the lookout for Hathaway's new stock of Xmas goods.

G. W. Marsh of Holly is visiting his sister, Mrs. Hadley.

Go to C. J. Hathaway for Edison phonographs and records.

Mens' mackinaw jackets \$1.50 sold for \$2.75. Bell's big sale at Gaylord.

The prices are as small as the assortment is large at Sorenson's Furniture store.

Look up our subscription offers, and arrange for your next years reading at once.

Mens' and boys' heavy winter caps 21 cents at Bell's big sale at Gaylord.

Give me your order for a nice song bird for Xmas. Come and see what I have to offer. VICTOR SALLING.

Mercury registered at two degrees below zero yesterday morning and we had about three inches of snow.

Remarkably fine goods at a remarkably low price at Sorenson's Furniture store.

FOR SALE—A pair of heavy steers as good as new. Price \$15 N. P. Olson.

FOR SALE—A span of good ponies good drivers and good workers, cheap for cash. H. Funck, Pore Cheney.

Mens' fleeced underwear 35 cents at Bell's big sale at Gaylord.

FOR SALE—A fine young team, half brothers, closely matched, good drivers and good workers, sound and all right.

O. PALMER.

For sewing machines, the best in the market, and at the lowest price, call at the **AVANCE** office.

Wool socks 12 1/2 cents. Wool pants worth \$2 now 49 cents. How is that? Bell's big sale at Gaylord.

FOR SALE—N & S E 1/4 Sec. 32 Town 27 north, Range 1 west, 80 acres By Day & Powers, Springfield, Mich.

A few cases of measles in mild form are reported in the village. Take good care of the kids and avoid their catching cold.

Ladies' fine handkerchiefs 2, 4, and 7 cents, all worth three times as much. Bell's men's heavy fleeced shirts 35c. at Bell's big sale at Gaylord.

Every farmer should own a modern feed cooker, large enough to heat water at killing time, or to cook all the hogs want before, and can be used in the house or out doors. We have one but little used, good as new, enquire at this office.

Our city fathers have installed two more street lamps on Michigan Ave. at the intersections of Peninsular Ave. and Cedar street.

Xmas neckwear, gloves, shirts, muffers, fancy vests, umbrellas, sweaters, all yours at about 1/2 off former price. Bell's fur coats, mittens, caps at any reasonable offer. Bell's big sale at Gaylord.

WANTED—10 cedar outposts, 3 or 4 unpeeled posts. 5 cents ties in round. Board \$4 week. Good place. Come immediately. Dickinson's Ranch near Lovell.

LOST—Saturday evening some where on "main street" a gold belt pin. Finder will kindly return same at Mrs. M. Hanson and receive reward.

We begin a continued story in this issue, in supplement form, which will be duplicated for four successive weeks. It is headed "Sale of State Tax Lands," and will be perused with interest by all taxpayers. Read it very carefully and see if any of your lands are included in the

Ladies furs and muffs at from \$1.60 Bell's big sale at Gaylord.

A Garland Air Tight Heater for sale. Price \$10. A bargain for some one. Inquire at this office.

Members of the W. R. C. take notice. Election of officers at the next regular meeting, Sat. 14. All members are requested to be present.

Shoes for men, ladies and children at a saving of 25 cents 50% Bell's at Gaylord.

The change from warm spring showers Monday, to snow blizzards Tuesday, was more than enough to effect the temper of a saint.

Canary Birds—Imported Harz Canaries, St. Andrewsburg Canaries, English Canaries, also many other kinds of song and fancy birds for sale. Victor Salling.

Edgar Dyer was with the Buckley Independent Base Ball Club during the season. He pitched 47 games and lost 5.

Canvas Gloves 4, 7 and 9 cents at Bell's big sale at Gaylord.

LOST—A ladies pocket book with about \$4 in money. Finder please return to this office and receive reward.

Our holiday stock—highest in quality—broadest in variety—fairest in price, at Sorenson's furniture store.

Boy's knee pants at 15 cents at Bell's big sale. Boys waists all sizes 15 cents at Bell's big sale. Ladies' kimonos in the newest oriental patterns, \$1.25 value now 56c at Bell's big sale at Gaylord.

Notice our supplement this week, giving a list of the lands in Crawford County to be sold for the tax of 1905 and previous years. Do not destroy it until you are certain that none of your lands are included.

Mens' fine suits all to match, coat pants and vest for \$2.79 at Bell's big sale at Gaylord.

Grayling Rebekah Lodge 582, L. O. O. F., elected the following officers for the ensuing term: N. G. Marie Jensen; V. G. Carrie Pratt; Sec'y, Anna Isenhauser; Treas., Esther Kraus.

The Valhalla Club met last Friday evening at the home of Miss Goldie E. Pond; a very enjoyable evening was spent and a dainty lunch served. The girls are very busy with their play, which they will have during the Christmas holidays. Watch for the date.

Ladies hose 6 and 8 cents, men's 4 and 7 cents Bell's big sale at Gaylord.

The Ladies' Union of the Presbyterian church will have an Experience social at the home of Mrs. G. R. Filkins on Wednesday evening Dec. 18th. An invitation is extended to all who care to earn a little money and come and tell their experience. Light refreshments will be served.

Crawford Hive 690, L. O. O. F. M. elected the following officers at their last meeting: Commander, Emma Amos; Lieut. Com., Bertha Oaks; R. K., Anna Isenhauser; F. K., Clarissa Taylor; Chaplain, Belle Crandall; M. at A., Margaret Burton; Sergeant, Amanda Tyler; Sentinel, Rose Ball; Dictator, Edna Simpson; Organist, Grace Filkins.

Trunks and traveling bags, suit cases at cut prices at Bell's big sale at Gaylord.

We have received 100 books from the state library, to use for six months in the Grayling township library. These books are free of charge and every one is invited to read them. Library open Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday evenings 6 to 8 and Saturday afternoon 2 to 5 o'clock.

Mrs. WINSLOW, Librarian.

Don't come to us, if you want a white buckwheat flour (of corn flour and wheat) But if you want the pure, dark, old-fashioned article, we have it. Milled so as to retain the sweet honey flavor of the old-fashioned buckwheat cake. Try a 10 pound sack at 13 cents today. Guaranteed Pure. South Side Market.

S. S. Phelps, Prop.

Have you been at the big sale now in progress at Bell's? Everybody should go to Bell. The big sale is in full blast and clothing, shoes, furnishings, fur coats and etc., are now to be had at less than wholesale prices. Bell of Gaylord.

Word is received here from St. Louis, Mo., that Mrs. J. L. Haines had undergone a surgical operation for the removal of a tumor, and was lying in a condition absolutely hopeless. Her many personal friends here will mourn her loss.

Word is received here of the sudden death, yesterday, of Charles Oleson at Bay City. He was a M. C. Conductor and formerly resided here and returned to Bay City last spring on account of failing health.

After an investigation of the affairs of the Chelsea bank and State Presses-Register, Governor Warner has asked the resignation of that officer who had refused, claiming that the state was amply secured for every dollar of its money, which would be paid as well as all depositors in full. The friends of the governor think they see politics in the move.

A letter from Rev. A. C. Kildegaard announces that he will be home in time for the regular services in the Danish Lutheran church. He is happy that he reached his father's bedside before his death, who though very weak, retained his clear mind until the end, and passed over in a few days with Dr. Warner's White Wine of Tar. For sale at Central drug store.

Bell Not Going out of Business.

It has been the talk of several counties that Bell's store has been closed during the past few days in order to take inventory, and mark down stock preparing for the grandest Bargain Festival this part of the country has ever seen. Wednesday morning Dec. 11, at 8 o'clock the doors were reopened, and 10 minutes later had to be locked on account of the jam that were on hand as early as 6.45 a. m. But is it a wonder? Everybody knows BELL and his honorable business career. When he says that Clothing, Shoes, Furnishings, Furs and etc., must go at any old price because we need the money to pay our bills, you can bet dollars to doughnuts it's so. Now good people, Bell must sacrifice his immense stock to raise \$8,645 to pay his honest debts, and his loss is your gain.

Let all else go. Come to this grand Bargain Feast and get your share of all the good things that are being slaughtered without mercy or regard as to their real value. It's on everybody's tongue that "if you buy of Bell, you're buying well," and shrewd shoppers have found it out.

We might go on and write a whole book about this grandest of all sales, but spend 5 minutes in the store, and you can grasp more quickly the wonderful enormity of the money saving opportunity at your very door. Why, it would pay you to borrow money at 7%, then come to Bell's and purchase your wants, and double your money.

Remember well that no reasonable offer will be refused, as the money must be raised. Sale will continue until these 8,645 dollars are in Bell's till, and if you let the chance slip it is your unpardonable fault. FREE, so you will always remember this extraordinary sale, we will sweeten things up by presenting every customer with a box of French chocolates. Tell the good news to your friends, they will bless you. Make no mistake, look for the Big Yellow Banner, and you are right. Is it not a grand chance to purchase suits, overcoats, shoes, rubbers, underwear of all kinds at less than cost of raw material. BELL, Gaylord, Wolverine.

A Whole Family.

Rev. L. A. Dunlap, Mount Vernon, Mo., says: "My children were afflicted with a cough resulting from measles, my wife with a cough that had prevented her sleeping more or less for five years, and Warner's White Wine of Tar has cured them all." For sale at Central Drug Store.

You are cordially invited to join

with us in celebrating SABO day in our store. It promises to be a big event. SABO BLEND Coffee will be served FREE to everybody, experts will tell how it is roasted and blended how we should make it, etc; they will also tell us why it's better than the other medium priced coffees. You should not fail to drop in, if but for a few minutes on Saturday, Dec. 14. Salling Hanson Co., Grayling.

Impetuous business calling us to Chicago last week, prevented our attendance at the Farmers' Institute, which we regret, but are glad to know that the meeting was a pronounced success in every respect, showing the increasing interest in agriculture in this country. The re-election of S. B. Broff as president proves that his work was satisfactory for the past year, and but a well deserved compliment.

He Fought at Gettysburg.

David Parker, of Fayette, N. Y., who lost a foot at Gettysburg, writes: "Electric Bitters have done me more good than any medicine I ever took. For several years I had stomach trouble and could not get much money for medicine to little purpose, until I began taking Electric Bitters. I would not take \$500 for what they have done for me." Grand tonic for the aged and for female weaknesses. Great, alterative and body builder. Best of all for lame back and weak kidneys. Guaranteed by A. M. Lewis druggist—50c.

Presbyterian Church.

Sabbath December 8, 1907. Preaching service 10.30 a. m. Subject, "The day we live in." Esther 4: 14. Sabbath School at 11.45 a. m. G. R. meeting—Sunday evening at 8 p. m. Evening service at 7.00. Subject, "Where do we stand?" Matt. 24: 6. T. O. C. of Presbyterian church meets every Tuesday at 7.30 p. m. Cottage Prayer meeting Thursday evening, 7.00 p. m. with Miss Williams Bible Study class Friday at 6 p. m. with Miss Williams.

Sabbath morning Dec. 22nd, there will be a union service of the Sunday school and congregation at 10.30. Parents are requested to help their children to make an extra effort to be at the church at 10.15 in order that the glass books may be marked before the regular service. Subject, "Two Stars," which will be interesting to the parents as well as the children. Parents come and let us be children too. Evening service Dec. 23. Subject, "The Joy of Christmas."

All are cordially invited to attend these services. Bring your friends and spend an hour in worship.

REV. W. B. MACGREGOR, Pastor.

Told in a few Words.

Chas. Caseldon, of Cumberland, Wyoming, says he had the worst cough a man ever had and cured it in a few days with Dr. Warner's White Wine of Tar. For sale at Central drug store.

Get the best for

Christmas!

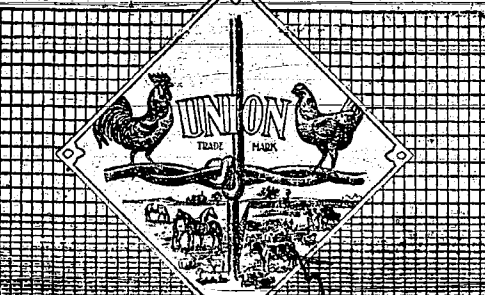
Come and look at our fine Holiday display, it is seldom that you have such a chance. So much goodness, so much variety, so much beauty, so much style and all at the fairest prices.

You will find your wants, and a pleasure to buy at

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UNION LOCK POULTRY FENCE.

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Stronger and closer spacing than any other make. Our Union Lock Hog, Field and Cattle Fence, Union Lawn Fence Gates, etc., guaranteed first class. Your dealer should handle this line—if not, write us for prices. Catalogue free.

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Notice of Commissioners on Claims.

STATE OF MICHIGAN ss. COUNTY OF CRAWFORD ss. Probate Court for said County.

Estate of Fayette P. Richardson, deceased.

The undersigned having been appointed by the Judge of Probate, of said county, Commissioners on Claims in the matter of said estate, and six months from the 15th day of October A. D. 1907, having been allowed by said Judge of Probate, to all persons holding claims against said estate, in which to present their claims to us for examination and adjustment.

Notice is hereby given that we will meet on Monday the 18th day of December A. D. 1907 and on Wednesday the 15th day of April A. D. 1908, at ten o'clock a. m. of each of those days at the residence of George Hartman, in the township of South Branch in said county, to receive and examine said claims.

Dated Oct. 24 A. D. 1907.

GEORGE HARTMAN, JAMES F. CRANE, Commissioners.

Notice to Taxpayers.

Having the tax roll for 1907, I am ready to receive taxes every day from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m. A. P. W. Becker, Treas. Grayling township.

Notice to Taxpayers.

I will receive taxes at my office in Frederic on Saturday of each week. Geo. A. Colten, treasurer of Frederic township.

A Hard Debt to Pay.

"I owe a debt of gratitude that can never be paid off," writes G. S. Clark of Westfield, Iowa, "for my rescue from death by Dr. King's New Discovery. Both lungs were so seriously affected that death seemed imminent, when I commenced taking New Discovery. The ominous dry, hacking cough quit before the first bottle was used, and two more bottles made a complete cure." Nothing has ever equaled New Discovery for coughs, colds and all throat and lung complaints. Guaranteed by A. M. Lewis druggist, 50c.

Buying days from now until

Christmas!

These are Buying days for Xmas Shoppers. Every day is valuable, with only a short time to do your selecting. Early buyers receive many advantages—chief among them being finest choice of selection and avoidance of the crowds of last day shopping. Our stock of Christmas goods in every department was never so complete, so beautiful, so cheap, so again, come early.

Here are some Xmas opportunities from among the Mens', Womens' and Childrens' wearables:

Mens' Neckwear and Muffers in the new shapes and colorings.	Jackets, Sweaters, Gloves and Skirts.
Mens' Smoking Jackets, House Slippers, Gloves and everything in the ready-to-wear line, in endless variety.	Linen Scarfs, Towels, Lunch cloths and Dollies, make a useful gift.
Come and select what you want and we will lay it away for you.	Why not get the boy a new suit or overcoat for Christmas? We have a splendid selection at very lowest prices.
Holiday Suspenders, one pair in a box.	Boys' and Girls' Gloves, Caps, Leggings, Coats and all most economically priced.
Womens' Waists in the new plaids and plain colors.	Ladies' Holiday aprons in Lawn or Swiss, plain or dotted, with lace or ribbon trimmings, at 25c. to 75c.
Special prices on Fur Boas.	
The largest line of Xmas Handkerchiefs ever shown in the city.	

Grayling Mercantile Co.,

Christmas!

Presents for Young and Old!

Do not buy until you inspect my large up-to-date line of Jewelry, such as Lockets and Chains, Fobs, Bracelets, Scarfs, Hat and Beauty Pins, Cuff Buttons, Solid Gold Rings, Ladies' Watches, Mounted Combs, Also Sterling and plated Silver Ware, Carving Sets, Clocks and Hand Painted China. Do not forget my Fountain Pens and Phonographs and Records. My prices are right, and have not been raised for the occasion. Call and be convinced.

Yours for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

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The Boom Continues!

Lots sold on monthly payments.

Brink's Addition on the South side had more dwelling houses built on in the past two years than any other two additions in the village of Grayling.

Don't Pay Rent! Get Yourself a Home!

TERMS TO SUIT PURCHASER.

W. F. BRINK.

Michigan State News

HEART DISEASE KILLS VETERAN.

Gen. Pritchard, Who Helped Capture Jefferson Davis, Dies in Allegan.

Gen. B. D. Pritchard, dropped dead at his home in Allegan. Death was the result of heart failure. He was 73 years old. Mr. Pritchard came to Allegan when a young man and was one of the pioneer settlers. At the outbreak of the Civil War he enlisted in the Fourth Michigan Cavalry, going through the various grades until commissioned as a brigadier general, when his regiment and a Wisconsin detachment effected the capture of Jefferson Davis. At the close of the war General Pritchard returned to Allegan and with the late George Robinson established the First National Bank of Allegan. He was the president of this institution until two years ago when he withdrew and, with several business men, established the First State Bank, being the president of this concern up to the time of his death. He held the position of State Treasurer at one time and was treasurer of the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of Michigan for a long term. He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. C. H. Wilkes, wife of an Allegan attorney, and a son, Harry D. Pritchard, of Allegan, cashier of the First State Bank.

FINGER AND CAREER GONE.

Battle Creek Musician Frenzies When Digit Is Amputated.

Coming from under an anesthetic to discover a finger gone, Mary, the daughter of Mrs. J. W. Paul of Battle Creek, came near being driven to distraction. She was just recovering from a serious attack of rheumatism when she was told that her finger had been amputated. On leaving the home of a friend, Miss Paul, she was taken to Dr. J. W. Paul's office, but did not realize how badly she was hurt until, coming to her senses after the amputation, she found the finger gone. The loss of a finger is a serious blow to a musician, and the doctor had to work hard to restore her heart action.

SON WAITS LONG TIME.

Young Man Waits Pay for Work Done on the Farm.

Glenon J. Young, of Owosso, died fifteen years ago. No administrator of the estate was appointed, no claims appearing. Recently the widow, now the wife of R. W. L. McGee, of Marquette, was appointed administrator, and now a claimant has appeared, the estate of George Young. He alleges he remained on the farm until 25 years ago and demands \$200, with interest, the total now amounting to about \$1,500. There is some question about the claim having been outlawed, but Young says he was waiting for the appointment of an administrator, and did not know that he could have applied for such an action.

MISSING \$1,000 FOUND.

Officers Recover Money Lost by State Treasurer.

Arthur B. Barker, who was arrested in Pineauville, in connection with the theft of a package containing \$1,000 from State Treasurer Frank P. Glazier while on a passenger train, has confessed the money and returned \$1,000 to the officers who arrested him. These were the \$1,000 of the State Treasurer, James P. Glazier, which he had stolen from the State Treasurer's office. Barker, who was arrested in Pineauville, where he was confined in the county jail. His father, an undertaker, says that he will make good the remaining \$1,000.

RUNAWAY MAY KILL CHILD.

Thelma Gray Is Caught as She Attempts to Run Away.

Thelma Gray, the 7-year-old daughter of Charles Gray, a dry goods merchant, was run away by a runaway horse in Kalamazoo and severely injured. The little one had just alighted from a carriage in front of her home when the runaway horse ran into the buggy. The egg to which the runaway was hitched ran over the child and the horse alighted, also ran over her.

AUTO GOES DOWN BANK—1 DEAD.

Captain Frank Bent Killed in Road Accident Near Escanaba, Mich.

An automobile driven by Sumner Prescott, vice president and general manager of the Escanaba Iron Works, in Escanaba, Mich., ran off the road between Escanaba and Gladstone, the car rolling down a high embankment. Captain Frank Bent was instantly killed. Sumner Prescott was internally injured and may not recover. Isaac Stephenson, Jr., a relative of Senator Stephenson, suffered a broken collar bone and broken arm, and Joseph Duxbury, a broken arm. "Alber" Thelma was also hurt, but not seriously.

Girl Dead from Burns.

Emma Turner, of Lincoln township, was badly burned while attempting to build a fire in the kitchen stove in her mother's absence, that she died nine hours later.

Ends Life by Shooting.

Joseph G. Evans, 49 years old, a machinist, who came to Detroit from Dayton, Ohio, five weeks ago, committed suicide by shooting himself through the head.

Gets His Children Back.

Edgar Wagner, of Lansing, who went hunting and returned to find that his wife had made application to the court to have their children sent to the State public school, was awarded the custody of the children. The wife avowed that she was left without means of support.

Save Lives by Leaping.

Eight men jumped for their lives, just as the supply ship exploded on the Tule, which burned on Pine Lake, near Gaylord. The vessel was headed for shore when the men saw the danger, and leaping into the water, swam to the beach. The vessel was valued at \$1,000 and is a total loss.

Vandal's Mayor Ends Life.

Followed by his political opponents in his plans to boom the city, and despondent because his favorite projects came to naught, Mayor H. Van Rensselaer Van Rensselaer committed suicide by shooting.

CATCHES BOY IN FALL.

Loddy Vetengie, Seven, Lands in Arms of Man Forty Feet Below.

While workmen were shingling the roof of Fred Nitschky's residence on North Seventh street, Saginaw, one of them dropped his hammer to the ground, forty feet below. Loddy Vetengie, 7 years old, weighing 80 pounds, was on the roof watching the men and his hammer caught the hammer. He lost his hold, slid down the steep roof and shot over the edge. Nitschky, standing below, was attracted by the shouts and looked up in time to see the boy flying through the air towards him. He put out his arms, made a perfect catch and saved the boy from what would probably have been death on the frozen ground.

STILL ANOTHER CHRIST.

Charles Mosher, Riverside Farmer, Says He's the Only One.

Styling himself Christ and declaring that he is the Messiah, came to earth to lead the children of his father to their land of rest and plenty, Charles Mosher, a Riverside farmer, has electrified the countryside. Mosher has adopted up-to-date methods of advertising his claim and is sending out hundreds of postcards. Mosher declares in the card that he is the one and only Jesus Christ and all those who are in need of aid are asked to call upon him. Sinners will be saved, requests will be granted and blessings poured out like water upon those who have faith in him.

EXPLOSION SHATTERS HOUSE.

Lighting of Match in Cellar, Where a Leak Is Discovered, Causes Blast.

Igniting a match in the cellar of his home in Allegan, when the gas plant got out of order, causing a leakage, Dr. Aytemus O. Wotring was killed in the explosion that followed and several persons were injured. The blast completely wrecked the house, in which a party of guests were being entertained. Among the injured were a number of women, seriously hurt, were the following: Miss Ruth Crane of West Virginia, Miss Elsie Lyon of Cleveland, John Pacer and Edwin Sohring. Mrs. Wotring and her daughter escaped with slight injuries.

LOVE CHILD TRAVELS FAR.

Seven-Year-Old Couple Travel to Holland to Michigan.

A child, 7 years old, caused considerable attention when she stepped off an incoming train at Chicago, bound for Holland, Michigan. The child, whose name is Anna Van Hout, is an orphan and has traveled from Amsterdam, Holland, unattended. On a large bill of lading, which was found in her baggage, it was written, together with a request to strangers to give every possible aid to the child so she can reach her destination. She will live with an uncle.

WITHIN OUR BORDERS.

Charles Patterson, Dutchman, Broke His Leg at the Nipple by Falling on a Slip.

State Senator Edlinbroek has taken a position in the State dairy and food commission's office at \$8 a day. The 17-year-old child of George Viersma was killed at death in Holland. The boy had been on a fall of boiling water.

REINFORCED NOVEMBER.

Klement Novitski, a workman employed by the H. A. Bowman Lumber Company, near Iron Mountain, accidentally shot and killed himself. While he was walking through the woods his gun accidentally went off as it struck a log.

STAFF GONE WITHIN THREE MONTHS.

Charles Weber, a German grocer, died without warning in his store in Monroe, Wis. He had been complaining of a toothache and went to a dentist and had one tooth extracted. He was 67 years old and had been in the store for 15 years.

CONSIDERING SICKENESS—HOUSEHOLD.

Considering sickness—household—his wife, Mrs. Clara Collins, charged with burglary, confessed the crime in Muskegon. He said that he would be able to go to bed tonight, feeling that he might be stricken dead in his sleep if he did not.

THE KALAMAZOO RAILROAD IS GRANTING.

The Kalamazoo Railway is granting a franchise to the Chicago and Kalamazoo Terminal Railway Company, which assumes the building of the Grand Trunk railway into Kalamazoo. The franchise is now the property of M. M. Lane and F. B. Lay. About a mile of track is built. The road was originally intended for a high line. The Grand Trunk has already spent \$25,000 in the purchase of property for a station and other buildings. The new railroad will be built from Kalamazoo.

Wrecking Master Has Raised the Steel Steamer.

Wrecking Master Baker has raised the steel steamer Tots and has nearly completed one of the most difficult jobs of his career. "Word from Allegan is that after pumping several hours, the boat was lifted from the bottom and is being kept afloat by the powerful pumps on board. Another break has been discovered in the ship's bottom and before she is taken to the breaker's yard the water-tight compartment will be covered with a canvas patch, or other temporary repairs made. The Reis was sunk in collision with the steamer Mohave C. Smith Friday night, Nov. 1, the Smith being bound up with coal. After she sank she began to settle in the sand and gravel, and went down eleven or twelve feet.

In His Last to Secure State or National Certificates.

At his last to secure State or national certificates, Battle Creek now finds that it has booked two conventions for the same date. The Michigan Engineering Society meeting there June 7 and 8 will have to divide the key to the city with the Michigan Ice Cream Manufacturers.

Valley Calves, the Little Girl at Hewitt.

Valley Calves, the little girl at Hewitt who was severely burned while lighting a fire with gasoline, died. Deputy Officer Birmingham, who made an examination, found that the can containing the gasoline was not painted, but that it had not been filled since the new law went into effect.

Drugged for Many Days by His Runaway.

Drugged for many days by his runaway horse, Joseph Scandia, a farmer living in New Haven township, sustained a broken neck in a runaway and had his horse killed.

HEAR YE! HEAR YE! THE COURT IS NOW IN SESSION.



U. S. MINT IS BUSY GRINDING OUT CASH.

People Throughout the Whole Country Are Making Incessant Calls for Money.

GREAT YELLOW STREAM OF GOLD.

Millions of Dollars in Bullion Now Pouring in to Be Made Into Coin.

This is the busy season in the United States mint at Philadelphia. All the country is calling for money. The mint is grinding out cash. The mint is busy grinding out cash. The mint is busy grinding out cash.

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SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES.

Educational leaders are still discussing with unabated interest the proposition put forward by Thomas F. Van Dusen, of the Independent, namely, that the schools should be open all the year round, Sundays and the few public holidays excepted. Mr. Van Dusen's idea is that this would save about 300 school days, which would vary in length of session from three hours in summer to five or six in winter. He says that no educator will deny that the distribution of school time would enable the pupils to cover more ground and make much greater progress than under the existing plan. One of the principal objects gained would be, in his opinion, to keep the children off the streets in the summer time and to make their development steady and continuous.

The fact that most parents are glad to send their children to summer schools is a strong argument in favor of the proposition. The school year is now a long one, and the children are tired. The school year is now a long one, and the children are tired. The school year is now a long one, and the children are tired.

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PLEADS FOR CHANGE IN MONETARY SYSTEM.

In His Annual Report to Congress Mr. Cortelyou Advises a More Elastic Currency System.

Disaster to trade, commerce, labor and investment can be effectively prevented only by a reorganization of the national monetary system, according to the report made by Secretary of the Treasury, Cortelyou, to Congress. The Secretary declares that under existing laws the country is tied during financial emergencies such as occurred in the country lately. He has no specific plan for monetary reorganization, but he makes strong appeal to Congress for immediate legislative action. The report declares that banks as well as individuals hoarded money during the financial stringency.

The report gives in detail the attempt made by the Secretary to head off bank failures and business suspensions in the last by the deposit of government funds. The government is now in an exceedingly precarious position with a surplus of \$2,000,000,000. The report gives in detail the attempt made by the Secretary to head off bank failures and business suspensions in the last by the deposit of government funds.

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VALUE OF 1907 CROPS GREATEST ON RECORD.

Products of Soil to Bring \$7,412,000,000 to Farmers This Year.

BILLIONS FOR OTHER THINGS.

Hay and Cotton Next to Come, While \$500,000,000 Is Wheat Output.

One billion three hundred and fifty million dollars, says Secretary of Agriculture James Wilson, will be the value of this year's crop of grain. Only four crops before have exceeded \$1,000,000,000. The farm value of the corn crop of 1907 is \$1,000,000,000. The farm value of the corn crop of 1907 is \$1,000,000,000. The farm value of the corn crop of 1907 is \$1,000,000,000.

The value of the total farm products in 1907 exceeded that of 1906, which was far above that of any preceding year. The total value for 1907 is \$7,412,000,000, an amount 10 per cent greater than the total for 1906, 17 per cent greater than that of 1905, 20 per cent above that of 1904, 25 per cent in excess of that for 1903 and 57 per cent greater than the total value for 1902.

The animals sold from farms and those slaughtered on them in 1907 were worth about \$1,000,000,000. During the fiscal year 1907 the exports of farm products exceeded the imports by \$111,000,000, a balance that has been exceeded only four times in 1907, 1906, 1905 and 1904.

Apparently the hay crop this year is more valuable than the cotton crop. Of an acre of hay, the value is about \$10, while the value of the cotton crop is about \$10. The value of the hay crop is about \$10, while the value of the cotton crop is about \$10. The value of the hay crop is about \$10, while the value of the cotton crop is about \$10.

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ASHES FOR FUN.

"Uncle Bill, what is an affinity?" "Oh, most anybody that you are married to, Willie." "Smart!"

Aunt—Bill, do not vex your husband too much. He will end by going back to his parents.—Transatlantic Tales.

Beggar—Kind lady, I was not always like this. Lady—No; yesterday you had the other arm tied up.—Chicago News.

"How long can a man go without air?" "I do not know. The longest Philadelphian I ever took occupied seven days."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

"It's generally a mistake," said Uncle Eben, "to lose time when you are working. You are trying to catch a hard-luck story."—Washington Star.

Barter—I tell you, no man can realize the meaning of eternity. Carter—Oh, I don't know. I spent a week once in Philadelphia.—Somerville Journal.

"I'll make you sorry you ever quarreled with me." "What will you do? Go home to your mother, I suppose?" "No. I'll bring mother here!"—Sketchy Bits.

Young Wife—I am unlucky! Yesterday the beef was roasted beautifully in the oven, and whilst I ran to tell my husband about it, it burnt.—Maggendorfer Blätter.

"Woman is a coward," said the weaker vessel, she remarked. "And yet?" "Well?" he queried, as she hesitated. "And yet," she continued, "man is the oftener broke."—Truth.

He—You know, if you worry about every little thing, it's bound to affect your health. His wife—Yes! I know. That's one of the things I worry about.—Town and Country.

Father—Well, Fritz, I've decided to retire from business. You shall take charge of it. Son—Can't you work a couple of years more? Then well-born retire!—Elegance Blätter.

"Initiative is the great thing that we all need and that most of us lack." "Well, my husband has lots of it," replied Mrs. Gottswald. "He's initiated into something nearly every night."—Chicago Record-Herald.

"That's the way the thing was told to me, but, of course, there's always more than one side to a story." "Of course, there are always as many sides to a story as there are people to blame."—Philadelphia Press.

"Enlighten says she is the unluckiest girl in the world." "What's the matter now?" "She was just about to marry a traveling man when he was admitted to the firm and now he will be at home all the time."—New York Globe.

"Country Doctor—That's the worst case of rye neck I ever see. Please, Dr. D. What's the matter with you?" "I'm just about to marry a traveling man when he was admitted to the firm and now he will be at home all the time."—New York Globe.

"Miss Minny Somers—By the by, you are not the best I have always had. I love you. Cuddie—No, you see, we were tossed to sea when a sailing ship was wrecked. Minny—Someday (sighs and pleases).—Oh, but you, you had boys, and you were not. Cuddie—No, I lost.—The Tatler.

"About the greatest man who ever lived in this community was Dug Skinner; broad minded, big hearted, and brilliant, and yet he died with all his talents and goodness unsuspected." "How did you come to find out about it?" "I married his widow."—Houston Post.

"What is home without a mother?" Ask the newly-married couple and they will tell you it is simply delightful.

